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GOLD AND SILVER MINING REGULATIONS PROPOSED

A. Gold Mining

1. Use propaganda to stimulate productive effort among the workers.
2. The supply of staple goods and cloth to the miners shall be handled by merchants.
3. All extracted ore shall be sold to the government. Private dealings in gold are forbidden and violators shall be punished. (Regulations concerning punishment shall be set up separately.)
4. Financial planning shall be left up to the people themselves. If a loan is required, they should seek a satisfactory and reliable transaction.
5. The price of gold shall be settled in accordance with current conditions by the Ho-t'ien Gold-Mining Bureau and a group of miners.
6. Functions mentioned in the preceding paragraphs shall be placed under the supervision of the Ho-t'ien Gold-Mining Bureau. (Regulations concerning this bureau will be determined separately.)

With the exception of gold-mining regions designated above, private operation of other gold mining areas is permitted. If the quantity of production is great, then these regulations shall be applied. Material to be used by private operators shall not be granted before extraction is actually begun. Ore extracted must also be sold to the government at market price.

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B. Silver Mining

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The Provincial Government shall undertake the mining of silver in Ch'ieh-mo Hsien. A temporary Silver-Mining Bureau will be established by the Reconstruction and Finance Departments. Technical personnel for this bureau will be recruited from Ti-hua. Miners will be hired from among the local citizenry and will be given good treatment.

A similar mining bureau will be set up at other mines, such as the K'u-mi-shih Silver Mine, which is under the joint jurisdiction of Shan-shan, Wei-li, and T'o-k'o-hsun hsien, if their production proves flourishing.

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